

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is a little bill that was brought to me by Wally Barnett. He said there were obsolete sections to the Fire Marshal's laws that needed to be repealed. And so all these statutes that are being repealed are, in fact, obsolete, but I want to say in saying obsolete that it doesn't necessarily mean that they are on their face obsolete. What it means, and I think what Wally means primarily is that there have been enacted by reference into the Nebraska statute whole federal codes applying to building codes for different types of buildings and different types of structures. And probably those codes, well, those codes do take the place of most of these statutes and probably would be so interpreted by the courts in the case of any conflict. But nonetheless the old statutes sit there and cause unnecessary conflicts and unnecessary questions. So what is being done is to repeal those sections. Just to give you a flavor of how outdated some of these are, 81-532, for example, which is being repealed, requires that every public building has to be provided with one or more fireproof stairways, shoots or toboggans constructed on the outside thereof. So you can see we no longer follow that provision whatsoever because there are other codes that recognize modern building techniques and recognize that fire escapes don't have to be on the outside of the building as required ostensibly by this particular statute, and so forth in the other statutes they appear to be in conflict and obsolete. So, therefore, I would ask the advancement of the bill, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Is there any more discussion on LB 40? If not, the motion is to advance LB 40 from General File. Please record your vote aye or nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 40. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 40, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 40 advances from General File. We go now to Final Reading. All members are to be in your seats during the Final Reading, please. Sergeants will remind members to take their seats if necessary. We are all ready for Final